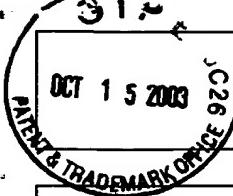


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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 36 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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	Group Art Unit	1751	Examiner	C.I. BOYER

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - Other: _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration (s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other: _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.
- c. Other: _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 23-2185
 - RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) of:
 - \$770.00 for a large entity \$385.00 for a small entity
 - Extension of time fee of \$130.00 for the suspension (37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) and/or \$_____ for _____ month(s) extension of time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136)
 - Other: _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed
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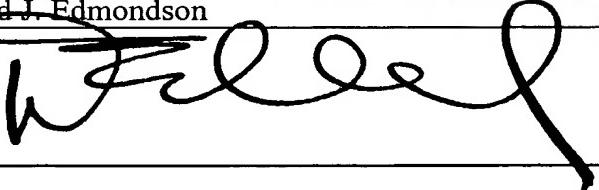


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Final Office Action, the Advisory Action, and the Notice of Abandonment mailed October 15, 2002, April 24, 2003, and October 8, 2003, respectively. A Petition for a four month extension, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and fees therefor are filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows: